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AMENDMENT

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CONCLUSION

Claims 79, 81, 87, and 90 are amended and claims 100-114 are added. Claims 79-114 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6970 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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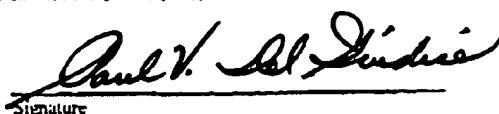
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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

| (Column 1) | (Column 2) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | |
| FOR | NUMBER FILED |
| TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS | minus 20 = * |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | minus 3 = * |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

| (Column 1) | (Column 2) | (Column 3) |
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| AMENDMENT | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR |
| Total | * 32 | Minus ** 20 = 12 |
| Independent | * 8 | Minus *** 3 = 5 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | |

| SMALL ENTITY TYPE | OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| RATE | FEE |
| BASIC FEE | 370.00 |
| X\$ 9= | |
| X42= | |
| +140= | |
| TOTAL | |
| OR | BASIC FEE |
| X\$18= | 740.00 |
| X84= | |
| +280= | |
| TOTAL | |
| OR TOTAL | |

| SMALL ENTITY OR | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY |
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| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
| X\$ 9= | |
| X42= | |
| +140= | |
| TOTAL ADDT. FEE | |
| OR | RATE |
| X\$18= | 216 |
| X84= | 420 |
| +280= | |
| TOTAL ADDT. FEE | 636 |

| (Column 1) | (Column 2) | (Column 3) |
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| AMENDMENT | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR |
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| Independent | * 4 | Minus *** 8 = |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | |

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE | RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| X\$ 9= | | X\$ 18= | |
| X42= | | X84= | |
| +140= | | +280= | |
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| Independent | * 7 | Minus *** 8 = 1 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | |

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| X42= | | X84= | |
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